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SUBJECT: PL-480 AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED DEC 22 FROM BILL GLEYSTEN
TO CHARGE ARIFIN HANDED TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY DEC 23:
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY
ABOUT THE ARTICLE BY MR. SETH KING WHICH APPEARED IN THE
NEW YORK TIMES OF DECEMBER 18 CONCERNING PUBLIC LAW 480,
I HAVE DISCUSSED THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT WITH THE DEPUTY
SECRETARY. I CAN STATE AUTHORITATIVELY THAT THE ARTICLE
IS INACCURATE IN SEVERAL RESPECTS AND IN PARTICULAR WHERE
IT STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONSIDERS THAT BY
SIGNING A PL-480 AGREEMENT WHICH REFLECTS NEW LEGISLA-
TIVE REQUIREMENTS, A COUNTRY "ACKNOWLEDGES IN EFFECT
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THAT IT VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS" AND "IS ADMITTING THAT
IT VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS".

OBVIOUSLY, IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERN-
MENTS OF INDONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES IN JAKARTA ON
DECEMBER 16, AND THE SIDE LETTER ATTACHED THERETO, THE
INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ACKNOWLEDGING OR ADMITTING

VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE AGREE-

MENT AND THE SIDE LETTER CONTAIN NO SUCH LANGUAGE AS THAT STATED IN THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SIDE LETTER IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA WILL INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SEMI-ANNUALLY OF THE USE OR PROSPECTIVE USE OF THE COMMODITIES PROVIDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT OR OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALES UNDER THE AGREEMENT. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT THE INCLUSION OF THIS LANGUAGE IS DESIGNED SOLELY TO INSURE THAT THE COMMODITIES PROVIDED OR THE PROCEEDS FROM THEIR SALE BENEFIT NEEDY PEOPLE IN ORDER TO OBVIATE ANY POTENTIAL QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE AGREEMENT COMPLIES WITH LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS. SINCERELY, WILLIAM H. GLEYSTEN, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS. END TEXT.

2. CABLE TO JAKARTA CONTAINING TEXT OF THIS LETTER CROSSED WITH JAKARTA 17217 (SENT TO YOU SEPTTEL) WHICH REPORTS WIDJODJO'S SUSPENSION OF PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER PL-480 PENDING US OFFICIAL DENIAL OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL IN SETH KING NYT ARTICLE. VANCE

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